



## Dranesville Happenings

June 2014

### *Announcements and Upcoming Activities in and Around the Dranesville District*



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Welcome to the Dranesville Happenings, providing you with information about upcoming events and activities around the County and in the Dranesville District.

## EVENTS

### Through June 1: 34th Annual Herndon Festival

Make plans to be a part of the 34th Herndon Festival taking place in Historic Downtown Herndon at 777 Lynn Street. As always, there is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival.

#### **2014 Festival Hours:**

Friday, May 30, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There is something for everyone:

[Live Entertainment on Three Stages](#)

[Carnival Rides and Games](#)

[Fireworks Displays](#) on Saturday

[Arts & Crafts Show](#) including a Fine Arts Division

[Children's Hands-On Art Activities](#)

[Business Exposition](#)

[10k & 5k Races](#) (at the Herndon Community Center)

[Model Railway Exhibit](#)

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[New this year - NoVA E-Sports Cup](#)

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For additional information visit the [festival website](#).

### Through June 1: Big Weekend in Tysons

This is the weekend to visit Tysons. The Tysons Partnership has planned several great activities for this weekend in the Tysons area.

### **Great Tastes of Tysons Festival**

Saturday & Sunday from Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Food! Drink! Music! Fun!

Lerner Town Square at Tysons II

For more information visit [www.tastetysons.com](http://www.tastetysons.com)

### **Sunday Farmers Market**

Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Corner of 8400 Westpark and Greensboro: Campus of National Automobile Dealers Association

16 vendors! Balloons + Face-Painting! Cooking Demonstration! Live music!

### **Bike Rodeo and Child Safety-Seat Check**

Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Corner of 8301 Greensboro and Westpark : SAIC/Leidos campus

Fairfax County Police Bicycle Unit / demonstration + instruction.

This is just the beginning of great entertainment in Tysons. More amazing events will follow in the weeks and months ahead. For more information and details on these and other activities, visit [www.tysonspartnership.org](http://www.tysonspartnership.org).

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## **Through June 16: Comment on Draft Tysons Park System Concept Plan**

The Fairfax County Park Authority has published the Draft Tysons Park System Concept Plan, putting in motion the opportunity for public review and comment on this planning document. This plan will guide future park development by the public, private and non-profit sectors that will serve Tyson's residents, workforce and visitors well into the future.

**View the draft plan online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/tysons-parks/downloads/Tysons-Park-System-Concept-Plan-draft.pdf>.**

Comments on the draft plan may be forwarded to [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

For more information call Andi Dorlester at 703-324-8692 or visit Tysons Park Planning online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/tysons-park-planning.htm>.

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## **May 31, June 21, July 19 and August 9: McLean AAUW 45th Annual Used Book Collections**

In preparation for its 45th Annual Used Book Sale to be held September 19 through 21, the

McLean Area AAUW will have four used book collection Saturdays.

Highly desirable contributions include musical CDs as well as DVDs of television series and movies; recent editions of histories, including military histories, biographies, political analyses, gardening, health, general literature and business and economics books. Also needed are travel books published since 2009 and, as always, treasured collectibles and special art books, mystery stories, children's and general interest adult books.

**Collection event details:**

Saturday May 31, June 21, July 19 and August 9

from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sun Trust Bank

515 Maple Avenue East

Vienna

Please note that the collection hours are shorter than in previous years and books cannot be left at the Bank outside of the collection hours.

Sale proceeds support professional development and scholarships for women.

For more information send an email to [aauwbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:aauwbookfair@gmail.com) or call 703-527-4206.

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**June 2 through July 21: The Independent Living Project: Helping Older People Live Independently in their Homes**

A partnership of County agencies and community programs and businesses are sponsoring the **Independent Living Project**. This workshop series helps older people continue to live independently in their homes for as long as they are able. The program consists of weekly two-hour sessions and lasts six to eight weeks. Participants may also sign up for a home safety inspection.

**Workshops cover:**

Fire and Fall Prevention

Finding Services for Older Adults -Where to Begin

Recognizing the Signs of Dementia

Your Medications Should Make You Feel Better - Not Worse

Getting the Most out of Your Next Doctor Visit

Aging Eyes/Aging Ears

50+ Nutrition

Food Safety

Getting Around in Fairfax

Are You Ready? Fairfax Prepares for the Unexpected

*(Each session has a workshop and a gentle exercise program that focuses on fall prevention.)*

### **Upcoming Sessions**

**Mondays, June 2 through July 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Herndon Senior Center**

873 Grace Street

Herndon

[Register online](#) or call 703-324-5429, TTY 711.

The Independent Living Project is held at various venues throughout the County including libraries, senior centers and churches.

Call **703-324-5429**, TTY 711 or email [Jennifer Rodriguez](#), if you are interested in attending a session or hosting a program in your area.

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### **June 5: Teen-To-Teen: Community Mental Health Summit**

The Josh Anderson Foundation and the Safe Community Coalition invite you to join them for an evening of mental health education and community discussion on how to raise awareness and increase education on youth mental health issues. The keynote speaker is Kevin Breel, author of "Confessions of a Depressed Comic" and seen on MTV and [TedX.com](#)

This event is free, but seating is limited. Please go to [the SignUp Genius link](#) to reserve your seat today.

#### **Event details:**

Thursday, June 5, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Alden Theatre

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean

For more information visit [safecommunitycoalition.net](#) or call 703-795-6943.

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### **June 7 and 8: Tysons-Pimmit Library Book Sale**

*Donations Welcome*

Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is holding a book sale to benefit the Tysons-

Pimmit Regional Library on June 7 and 8. Choose from a large selection of books, magazines, DVDs and other media for all ages.

**Event details:**

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

7584 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church

(Bag Sale/Clearance will be on Sunday, June 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The library is also accepting donated media.

For more information please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/ty/>, email [TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com) or call 703-790-4031.

## **June 7, 9, 10, 11: Public Meetings to Gather Public Input on Later High School Start Times**

The Fairfax County School Board adopted a resolution in April 2012 to seek solutions that will establish high school start times at 8 a.m. or later. Community meetings are now being held to gather feedback from parents, student, employees, and the community on four options under consideration. All community meetings will be held in school cafeterias. You are invited to attend any meeting. The final recommendation will be provided to the Fairfax County School Board in July.

To provide your feedback to the School Board, attend one of the community meetings below or use the [Online Feedback Form](#). Meetings have already been held at Hayfield SS, Langley HS, South Lakes HS and Madison HS.

Date	Time	Location	Cluster
Saturday, June 7	10:00 a.m. to Noon	<a href="#">Poe MS</a>	3
Monday, June 9	7:00-9:00 p.m.	<a href="#">South County HS</a>	5
Tuesday, June 10	7:00-9:00 p.m.	<a href="#">West Springfield HS</a>	6
Wednesday, June 11	7:00-9:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Centreville HS</a>	7

For more information visit the Fairfax County Public Schools website at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/starttimes.shtml>.

## **June 14: 12th Annual "Senior Senior Prom"**

The Rotary Clubs of Herndon and Reston are sponsoring the 12th Annual "Senior Senior

Prom". This event is free and open to all area residents, age 50 years or better. The event will feature **the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble and the Gottaswing Dancers**.

**Event details:**

Saturday, June 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Hall

750 Peachtree Street

Herndon

(next to Herndon Community Center)

**Cost:** Free - donations appreciated

**Dress:** Prom Attire or Beach Wear

Transportation will be provided if needed.

RSVP by June 11 to Oliver Chiropractic and Acupuncture at 703-904-8528.

## **June 18: Public Workshop for Herndon Metrorail Stations Access Management Study**

### *Recommending Improvements to Enable Safe Walking or Biking to Herndon Metrorail Stations*

Want to walk or bike to the Metro? The Herndon Metrorail Stations Access Management Study (HMSAMS) is a collaborative effort, led by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, to develop a plan for pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements designed to improve access to and around the future Herndon and Innovation Center Metrorail Stations.

County staff have scheduled a public meeting to review the results of a recent public survey conducted to identify the community's priorities with respect to accessing the future stations. Come hear the results of the survey and learn about planned bike and pedestrian facility improvements designed to provide access to and from the future Silver Line Metrorail Stations in Herndon.

**Meeting details:**

Wednesday, June 18, from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

McNair Elementary School 2499

Thomas Jefferson Drive

Herndon

To learn more, visit [www.hmsams.com](http://www.hmsams.com).

## **June 20 - August 30: Fairfax County Public Library Summer Reading Program**

### *Other Summer Activities Offered at County Libraries*

Fairfax County Public Library (FCPS) is offering numerous activities and resources this summer. Here are just a few:

#### **Summer Reading Program:**

Get ready to enjoy "Paws to Read" during the 2014 Summer Reading Program at Fairfax County Public Libraries. Registration is online or in person at your local library beginning June 20. Preschoolers through high-schoolers earn a coupon book with great prizes including free and discounted items by completing their reading and going to their local library branch by August 30. Click on this link for more information: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/srp/>

#### **Online Career Center:**

FCPS has updated its career center on the library homepage. Whether you are searching for a new job or considering a career change, there are a number of valuable resources to assist you. Visit the Career Center at <http://www.galesites.com/state/career/>.

#### **Interlibrary Loan is Now Available Online:**

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a cooperative resource sharing service that allows customers to borrow materials from other library systems within the United States that are not owned by FCPL. All interlibrary loan requests are placed through an Internet accessible system called ILLiad. [Learn more here.](#)

#### **It's Plant Clinic Time:**

Do you have a question for a master gardener? [Plant Clinics](#) are available at many of our local branches throughout the summer.

#### **Mango Languages:**

Some County residents are trying out the Mango Languages resource to improve foreign language skills or to translate text. Find Mango Languages on the [Online Resources page](#) under the subject heading "Language."

For more information on these and other summer activities at the library visit the Summer Event Listings at <http://issuu.com/fairfaxcountypubliclibrary/docs/2014-srp-issuu>.



## **June 24: Public Information Meeting on Route 7 Widening between Jarrett Valley Drive and Reston Avenue**

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be holding a public information meeting on June 24 to present design concepts for the planned widening of Route 7 between Jarrett Valley Drive and Reston Avenue. The meeting is intended to bring citizens up-to-date on the project design modifications incorporated since VDOT's last public meeting held on November 5, 2013. Since that time, VDOT has reviewed the comments from the meeting and met with several neighboring homeowner's groups to listen to their concerns. After studying possible options, VDOT has made some changes to the plans based on the concerns that have been raised. The meeting will be conducted in an open house format with staff available to answer questions.

### Meeting details:

Tuesday, June 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Forestville Elementary School  
1085 Utterback Store Road  
Great Falls

For more information, please visit the [project website](#).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **McLean Trees Foundation Ends Recycling of Paper to Fund Trees**

#### *Private Recycling Company Finds Effort no Longer Profitable*

The McLean Trees Foundation (MTF) announced that SP Recycling Corporation, the company responsible for managing MTF's two recycling bins at Cooper Middle School, removed the bins from school grounds. A manager for SP Recycling said that it is no longer profitable to collect and recycle newspapers from Cooper Middle School in McLean. The company is now focusing on recycling cardboard.

Recycling efforts in McLean began in the late 1960s and early 1970s when a group of residents from the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) placed several bins throughout McLean to encourage residents to recycle. Proceeds from recycling supported the planting and maintenance of trees and generated \$4,000 to \$5,000 annually. Over the years, fewer and smaller bins were placed in McLean, largely due to Fairfax County's implementation of curbside recycling pick-ups. MTF's proceeds from recycling were greatly reduced but continued to support tree planting and care.

"This marks the end of a long history of MTF using the proceeds from recycling paper for planting and maintaining trees," said Joyce Harris, Chairman of the McLean Trees Foundation. "We thank Cooper Middle School for hosting the bins on their site for many years, and we are grateful to the residents who helped support us by bringing their newspaper to the bins. We apologize for any inconvenience that this change has caused. MTF did not receive advance notice of this change from SP Recycling and was therefore unable to notify the public in advance."

MTF could not find another recycling company that would provide proceeds to non-profits. "We encourage residents who supported us through recycling of papers to make annual contributions to MTF so that we can continue to maintain and restore our urban forest here in McLean," said Harris. "MTF is a small non-profit, with no paid staff, and we receive no county funds. We are solely dependent on grants and contributions to fuel our planting and maintenance programs. It would be unfortunate if we could not continue our work because of a lack of funds."

MTF's mission is to preserve, plant, and maintain trees in McLean; to educate the public on the benefits of trees; and to assist the public in taking an active role in caring for their trees.

Tax-deductible donations, suggestions for projects, and offers for volunteer assistance can be addressed to The McLean Trees Foundation, P.O. Box 113, McLean, VA 22101 or by contacting MTF through the website: [www.McLeanTreesFoundation.org](http://www.McLeanTreesFoundation.org).

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## **Volunteering: Fairfax County Division of Adult and Aging Services**

Volunteer Solutions of Fairfax County Division of Adult and Aging Services provides meaningful volunteer opportunities to improve the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County.

There are currently many opportunities to help out. To volunteer for any of the following positions, please complete an online registration form at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/volunteer/VolReg/VolunteerRegistration.aspx>. For more information please call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, email [VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov) or visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and follow the link to "Volunteer Solutions".

- **The Wakefield Senior Center** in Annandale needs an experienced art instructor to lead a class from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.
- **The Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care Center** in Alexandria needs an office assistant on Fridays, 1-2:30 p.m.
- **The James Lee Senior Center** in Falls Church needs a Line Dance Instructor for a beginner class on Mondays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **The Bailey's Senior Center** in Falls Church needs office assistance with the front desk

and data entry, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **The Hollin Hall Senior Center** in Alexandria needs a DJ to provide a wide array of music from ballroom to line dancing, Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.
- **Meals on Wheels** needs drivers in Franconia, Reston, McLean and Falls Church.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs**.
- **Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or [Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- **The Herndon Senior Center** needs a volunteer mosaic instructor to assist with a summer class on Wednesday or Friday, 12:30-2 p.m.
- **The Herndon Senior Center** needs a volunteer knitting instructor to assist with an existing knitting class on Thursday mornings.
- **The Lewinsville Senior Center** in McLean needs a certified volunteer Zumba Instructor to teach a class on Friday afternoons.
- **The Wakefield Senior Center** in Annandale needs an experienced canasta player and Spanish-speaking interpreters, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They also need certified instructors for classes in Dance, Zumba Gold, and Pilates. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment.
- **The Wakefield Senior Center** in Annandale needs a knowledgeable coin collector to lead a group for 1-2 hours on Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **The Sully Senior Center** in Chantilly needs a certified personal trainer, preferably with experience working with older adults, for one hour two days per week.
- **The Hollin Hall Senior Center** in Alexandria needs a trip planner and a ballroom dance instructor to teach basic ballroom dance on Thursday afternoons.
- **The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** in Alexandria needs social companions for participants on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. and front desk volunteers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Grocery Shopping** - Shop for an older adult or accompany them to the grocery store. Commitment: two hours every other week.
- **Household Services** - Unpack boxes, change light bulbs, paint small areas, straighten cupboards or closets, organize paperwork, write letters. Commitment: varies.
- **Meals on Wheels** - Transport meals to older adults or adults with disabilities Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Program also needs driver coordinators and group coordinators. Commitment: two hours/month and longer. Volunteer opportunities are available near where you work or live. Employee groups are welcome to share a delivery commitment. Check us out on [YouTube](#) now!
- **Nutritional Supplement Delivery** - Pick up and deliver nutritional supplements to an older adult's home. Deliveries are made early in the month. Commitment: a six-month commitment is requested. Two to three hours per month.
- **Caregiver Respite** - Respite volunteers give family caregivers of older adults, who can't

be left alone, a well-earned break. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Volunteers receive training and support.

- **Regional Volunteer Office Managers** - Help Volunteer Solutions recruit and train volunteers, track status of new volunteers, collect and enter volunteer hours. Must be highly skilled with computers, data entry, records management, phone etiquette, communication (both oral and written). Must be able to volunteer in the office, use county database, and maintain confidentiality. Commitment: 10-15 hours per week.
- [Senior Centers](#) - provide assistance to program managers or offer activity programming
- **Social Visits** - Visit older adults who need company. Commitment: once or twice a week visits for one to two hours at a time. A one-year commitment is requested.
- **Transportation** - Drive older adults to and from medical appointments, pharmacy, bank, library, grocery shopping etc.
- **Bilingual volunteers** are needed to plan seminars and resource fairs that inform older adults of county services. There is a special need for volunteers who speak Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Laotian, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese. Commitment time varies.
- [Fairfax Pets on Wheels](#) - Visit residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities with your pets. Provide companionship and compassion through pet therapy. Pet orientation and temperament testing is required. Commitment: one time weekly or monthly.
- [Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program](#) - Advocate for the rights and quality of life of residents in nursing and assisted living facilities.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call the Dranesville District office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.

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